

TOWN COUNCIL AND MANAGER



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We are pleased to present Barrington's Annual Report & Calendar. The report represents activities and statistics for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Lower level of the Town Hall has been completed with a bright and cheery office area and a conference room. Please use the side door if in need of the Recreation Department, The BAY Team, and/or Barrington Community School. Don't forget to visit the "jail" while signing up for summer camp.

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A grant has been received for new **walkways**, benches and a kayak/canoe launch. Improvements will be around Kids Kove playground and the east side of the library, extending to the scenic Barrington River.

Barrington Town Beach: Beach grass has been planted along the perimeter of the rebuilt parking lot, which was reduced in size to improve water quality and reduce beach erosion. Also added are plantings, bike racks, benches, outdoor shower, service access gates, wood barriers and wood fence guardrail. A grassy area in front of the pavilion is for outdoor concerts, picnics, and activities with its stunning views.

Residents agree, phase one of **Latham Park** is a complete success. The stone revetment has been stabilized and reconfigured with enhanced public access to the water. The park now has a beautiful landscape with walkways and benches along the shore to admire the view.

With help from volunteers, **Legion Way** ice rink has been paved. The surface will be painted, a natural berm built, new lights and drains will be installed. Barrington residents, come enjoy outdoor skating surrounded by a scenic view. Funding, in part, was provided by a RI Department of Environmental Management Grant.

How exciting, the **Police Cove Park**, planning stage is coming to fruition. Construction for the Police Cove has been awarded. The park will have a waterfront seating plaza, public art, a landscaped open lawn recreation area, benches, tables, bike racks, light fixtures, pathways, an improved connection to the East Bay Bike Path, and reconstruction of the parking lot and will not require local funding.

Veterans Park has received a RI Department of Environmental Management Grant for much needed improvements. The Town received a grant to improve trails that extends around the length of Brickyard Pond, including brush clearing and the construction of a bridge across a creek that runs adjacent to Legion Way. Funding provides an opportunity to complete fixing the eroded shoreline along a trail on the east side of the pond also improving the gravel parking area at the end of the park access road into the main section of the park. Keep an eye out; volunteers will be needed to achieve our goal.

Village Center Streetscape – Phase one has begun. Engineering design and construction of Village Center Streetscape improvements has been awarded.

A concrete **"ball-wall"** was built at the Middle School. The wall is used by lacrosse players, other athletic organizations, to play catch, and/or kick a soccer ball against the surface.

The Recreation Department has partnered with **Bay Spring Community Center**. It's a wonderful community resource for art, music, culture, education and more in Barrington. Come join the fun!

A special thank you to ~ The **Barrington Garden Club**. The Garden Club was founded as a non-profit organization in 1931, and is the largest federated club in RI. It's an all-volunteer organization committed to community service. They take pride in maintaining six public gardens and flower beds in front of and around Barrington Town Hall, the library, the High School booster board, and downtown. They also maintain the Osamequin Nature Trail and Bird Sanctuary for which they have received state and national awards, and decorate the Town's buildings for the winter holidays.

The **Barrington Community Garden** provides an inviting place that offers Barrington residents plots for organic gardening, serves as a hub for community education on organic gardening methods, builds community, and grows food for distribution to area residents in need. Fencing was added to combat wildlife from consuming the vegetation. Sign up this spring and get your hands dirty.

The **Barrington Preservation Society** sponsored two exhibitions in 2014: Barrington's Industrial Past and Barrington Ship to Shore. The first exhibition focused on the Rhode Island Lace Works and brickyard as well as Deep Rock Bottling Company, O'Bannon Mills, Newth Rubber and Barrington's numerous farms and dairies. Barrington Ship to Shore celebrates Barrington's waterfront businesses: its boat builders, shipyards, fish, clam and oyster businesses as well as pleasure boating and fishing.

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